



## Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council

### Members:

*Councilor Jesse M. Adams*

*Councilor David A. Murphy*

*Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell*

*Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra*

**Date: April 11, 2016**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Location: City Council Chambers  
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts**

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call: At 5:00 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order. All committee members were present; no other members of City Council were in attendance.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

4. Items Referred to Committee

#### **A. 16.048 An Ordinance to Provide for Limited Time Parking on King Street by revising Section 312-104 Schedule III of City Code - Referred to Committee on 4/7/2016**

This item was approved by the Transportation and Parking Commission in November of 2015. It establishes a 15 minutes space in front of Bank of America on King Street. It came at the request of TPC member Patrick Goggins. Councilor O'Donnell moved to send forward to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

#### **B. 16.034 Ordinance pertaining to Water Resources - Referred to committee on March 3, 2016**

The proposed changes don't modify the ordinance in any way, but rather clarifies that the public water resources and infrastructure of the City of Northampton shall be owned or leased by the City and controlled by the City and that such resources and infrastructure shall not be sold, leased or transferred into private ownership or control. The objective is that the City shall maintain total control over the entire water system infrastructure. The purpose of the ordinance in general is to make it unlawful to transfer control of the water infrastructure to private ownership. When asked whether there were leasing

circumstances where the amendment applies, Councilor O'Donnell indicated that there is currently no existing example in which this amendment would apply. The amendment, however, looks to protect the City's interests in the future should it be necessary.

Councilor Adams noted that sometimes the City does lease to private companies or facilities, such as in the case of Ameresco leasing the former landfill station on Glendale Road. This ordinance would present an obstacle to the City if it does look to find a company to control the water infrastructure. Councilor O'Donnell noted that the intent was for the City to retain control over the water infrastructure, unless otherwise decided by voters.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send forward as amended with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

C. Other items awaiting feedback from other committees

**16.025 - An Ordinance Regarding Parking on Center Street - Still in TPC – referred to committee on February 4, 2016**

This ordinance came forward at the request of the Police Chief. The space closest to the Police Station driveway is often obstructed when large vehicles try to enter into the parking lot. The next space over will be designated a 15-minute parking space in place of this one. The ordinance still needs to be discussed by the Transportation and Parking Commission. Councilor Adams is concerned about removing parking spaces that results in reduced revenue to the city.

5. New Business: None

6. Adjourn: At 5:18 Councilor O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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